

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MINUTES

November 15, 2023

Hewitt Village Hall

November meeting of the Central WI Jr. Fair Board was called to order by President-elect Heather Wellach at 7:00 pm at the Hewitt Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jodie Budtke, Kitty Bymers, Romelle Bymers, Lori Haffenbredl, Tim Heeg, Laura Huber, Megan Kundinger, Betty Peterson, Josh Sabo, Mark Seefeldt, Andrew Seefeldt, Beth Spindler, Laura Strigel, and Heather Wellach.

EXCUSED: Brittany Bauer, George Gilbertson, Virginia Krause, Dave Urban, and Steve Redmond.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Benson, Lisa Blanchard, Dale Christensen, and.

GUESTS: Ashley Calaway and Richard Haffenbredl.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Non 4-H Participates

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Approved as printed. Minutes of the closed October 18 Jr. Fair Board meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as submitted.

FAIR BOARD REPORT: The Board will be meeting next Monday night.

EXTENSION REPORT: Laura reported that there is nothing new to report at this time and re-enrollment is over with around 500 members in the county.

OLD BUSINESS: *Fair Evaluations – A new process is being worked on to evaluate bards and document animal care issues. This is to help superintendents with any problems that might arise. Megan and Heather will be working on these issues and present at the next Jr. Fair meeting.

*Improvements – There is nothing new to report at this time and will be tabled until the February meeting.

*2024 Jr. Fair Schedule – Betty spoke about the importance of having the dog show as a part of the fair. She agreed to having the show on Monday morning of entry day starting at 9:00 am in the Hockey area. After the judging is over the area can then be used for other events or exhibits. There is still discussion being held on the time of judging for beef, sheep, and meat goats.

*Membership – Kate Kohl is working on being certified as a 4-H leader so she can be the 4-H rep on the Jr. Fair Board. She will still need more help in the horse dept. She will be having a tack swap in March. Brittany can no longer be the youth rep on the Board as she has graduated from 4-H. Emma Kunding (FFA) and Amanda Budtke (4-H) may be interested. An invitation should be extended to youth who may be interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Judges for 2024 – Any Jr. Fair members who need a listing of eligible judges should contact Romelle. Some new judges will be needed in photo., dairy, plant & soil science, and cultural arts. Judges should be used for no more than two consecutive years. More information will be available at the Feb. meeting.

*2024 Fair Book – Information on the performance class is ready to be added to the book. Information on the Supreme Showman class is needed along with on the time and location for the book. Ashley Calaway would like to have meat goat classes added to the 2024 fair book. Meat goats would be shown with their horns on and can be judged by the sheep judge. A revision of Dept. 5 is needed for the 2024 Fair Book. Laura asked that all changes be sent to Wendy so that she can make the changes on Fairentry. All changes are due at the February 21 meeting.

*Designated Signer – Megan has agreed to continue as the designated signer as appointed by the Executive Committee.

*Audit Committee: Megan and Tim will meet with George to review the books.

*Market Sale Budget for 2024: This was tabled as copies were not available for the membership to review.

*Non 4-H Participants in the 2024 Fair: These are youth who participate in short term 4-H or Extension programming, but have not formally enrolled in a 4-H club or other youth organization. A discussion was held on how to include these participants in the fair. Laura and Lori will work on proposal and will present it to the Jr. Fair Board at the February meeting.

*Election: President-Elect – Tim nominated Megan. Josh moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Megan. Tim 2nd. MC Josh moved that in the event that Megan can't attend the Central WI State Fair Board meeting, Heather would serve as the alternate. Lori seconded. MC

Secretary – Megan nominated Romelle. Megan moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Romelle. Tim 2nd. MC

Treasurer – Tim nominated George. Tim moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for George. Megan 2nd. MC

Department Reports: Market Sale – They met recently. The mandatory educational meetings were set for January 8 at the Marshfield High School and January 30 at the Auburndale High School. Youth in college will be able to live stream the Jan. 8 meeting only. The information on the meeting dates will be shared with the Extension Office and Fair Office for posting on their websites.

Dairy – The group will be meeting in December.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: 2024 Fair Schedule, Audit Report, Market Sale Budget, Fair Book Changes, Improvements, Judges, Non 4-H participants, Superintendents & Jr. Fair Reps.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Hewitt Village Hall. Mark moved to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Romelle Bymers,
Recording Secretary